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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF PODIATRY
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Cannon Building, Second Floor- Conference Room B
MINUTES APPROVED:	November 15, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Raymond Feehery, President, Professional Member
Dr. Luis Garcia, Professional Member
Philip Mandel, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General
Meaghan Jerman, Administrative Specialist II
Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Amy Kratz, Public Member
Dr. James Bray, Professional Member

ALSO PRESENT

There was no public present.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Feehery called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 19, 2012 Board meeting. Dr. Garcia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mandel, to approve the meeting minutes. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2011-2012 STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Stevenson discussed the changes that the Board recommended regarding the Podiatrist licensure application in effort to make it more congruent with the Medical licensure applications. Mr. Stevenson stated that the applications are already very similar and only found a few differences between the two. Unlike the Medical licensure applications, the Podiatry applications do not require two letters of reference. Two letters of reference are required for the medical licensure applications if the applicant was self-employed for the entire past five years, had no direct patient access over the past five years, or one or more of the facilities where they had direct patient access in the past five years no longer exists. The Board agreed to add this requirement to the Podiatry application. Mr. Stevenson will determine what will be legislative changes or a rules and regulations hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD REVIEW

There were no applications for Board review for July or September.

RATIFICATION OF LICENSURE LIST

Roshni Gandhi – Podiatrist in Training
Vincent Vess – Podiatrist in Training
Benjamin Denenberg
Michelle Morrissey

Dr. Feehery reviewed the applications. Dr. Garcia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mandel, to ratify the licensure list as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CONTINUING EDUCATION APPLICATIONS

There were no continuing education applications for review for July or September.

Hearing Officer Recommendations

The consent agreement for Dr. Orsini will need to be tabled until the November 15, 2012 meeting as there was not a quorum available.

Discussion about “In Training License”

Mr. Stevenson presented revisions to the Rules and Regulations as they pertain to the In-Training license. This revision enables the Podiatrist In-Training to complete Part III of the PM Lexis exam by the end of the first year of residency. Mr. Stevenson also provided revisions to the Continuing Education section of the Rules and Regulations which provided clarification on the CE requirements of 32 hours of continuing education for renewal. Mr. Mandel made a motion, seconded by Dr. Garcia to approve the proposed revisions to the Rules and Regulations as presented by Mr. Stevenson. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. Mr. Stevenson will submit the revisions to the Registry, but explained to the Board due to the timing of entering the revisions into the registry, that the Rules and Regulation hearing may not take place until February.

Discussion of Unprofessional Conduct/Duty to Report Requirements

Mr. Stevenson described the mandatory Duty to Report requirements as it relates to the practice of Podiatry. Mr. Stevenson explained that all medical professionals are responsible to make complaints to the Division of Professional Regulation when they believe a practitioner may be guilty of unprofessional conduct or is unfit to practice. Mr. Stevenson explained that in the instance that a Podiatrist is aware of unprofessional conduct and does not make a required complaint that they are also liable to have a complaint issued against them.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Complaint Status

Mr. Stevenson reported the status of the following complaints:

- Complaint 15-01-11 was closed by Investigator. (Dr. Garcia)
- Complaint 15-02-12 was assigned to Dr. Garcia

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled board meeting is November 15, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room “B” of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware, 19904.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Mandel made a motion, seconded by Dr. Garcia, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Meaghan Jerman".

Meaghan Jerman
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.